

Weekend of June 27 & 28, 2020

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our regular Mass Schedule is cancelled until further notice.

Barona:

Mass: Tuesday through Friday. Rosary at 7:45 AM, Mass at 8:00 AM.

Weekends: Sunday 8:00 AM.

Confessions: Saturday, 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Adoration: 1st Fri. of the month (8:00 AM).

Viejas:

Weekends: Sunday, 10:00 AM.

Confessions: By appointment.

Sycuan:

Weekends: Sunday, Noon.

Confessions: By appointment.



Sue Kierig, Martha Boone, A. J. Samot, Angelo Samot, Donna Berardi, Daniel Vicaldo, Kash Osuna-Sutton, Anthony and Diana Pico, Dolly Albano, Ray Mayor, Mike Montes, Bobbie Turner, Helen Cadiente, Berniece Marrujo, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Agnes Ruiz, Deacon Bill Clarke, Rosario Ravasco, Minerva Mayor, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Alicia Castro, Debbie Gonzalez, Barbara Reeves, Nancy Rourke, Anthony Harut Haurutuynian, Bobby Curo, Abraham Pascual, Eugene "Gino" Vicaldo, Skylar Rosas, Richard Padua

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

ATTENTION!

You are now able to donate online to St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish on our website, bktparish.com. You are able to donate by debit, credit card or paypal. You can also continue to send your tithes and offerings to:

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish
1054 Barona Road, Lakeside, CA 92040

Thank you so much for your continued support.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PARTICIPATE IN MASS

by livestreaming with Fr. Herman

Please note weekdays mass time change

Weekdays, Tues-Friday at 8:00 AM,

Sunday mass is livestreamed Saturdays at 5:00 PM

Just go on Facebook under Herman Manuel



REMINDER

Father's salary is due for those who make payments yearly or twice a year. For those who give monthly, please continue. Thank you so much!



PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

God of Justice and Truth,

We ask your blessing on our nation.

Thank you for the freedoms we enjoy,

Especially those we take for granted.

Thank you for the diversity of our people and enlarge our capacity for tolerance and mutual respect.

As we celebrate our independence as a sovereign nation, may we also celebrate our interdependence.

Make us mindful of the blessings of our rich and abundant land. May your gracious Spirit inspire us to work together to meet the challenges of our times.

With all hope, faith, and trust in you, we pray.

Amen.

Be an example of faith to your brothers and sisters; let your faith inspire others to come to know Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God.

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“Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me!”
A reflection on the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus says very powerful words to us today:

“Anyone who does not take up his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me.”

Does Jesus really mean that we are to prefer him over our own loved ones or we're not worthy of him? I think that this is what he's telling us. True Christianity comes at a great cost. To be a true Christian leaves no 'wobble room' for self-centeredness. You know, the 'Look out for #1' philosophy. True Christianity costs.

We've all heard the phrase, “you get what you pay for”. Well then, beware of cheap religion. Beware of any religion that comes across as soft and easy—the religions that basically say, “Go ahead and do your own thing as long as you are being true to yourself”. Whaaaaaat? Beware of religions where the cost of following Christ is never mentioned and where your consciences are never challenged or disturbed. Cheap religion will only wrap you in tales of God's love but will never tell you that that same fire of love must burn all of our self-centeredness out of us. There are too many religions today that only give one side of the story—God's love—and not the other side—our responsibility to follow him in the way that he wants us to. Go to the funeral of the biggest crook on the face of the earth and you are likely to hear some comforting eulogy on how he/she was true to his/her conscience or some other pious piffle.

There is a true story told of 2 African-American brothers who lived in the South during the 50s and 60s. One brother, Robert, became a noted lawyer and politician. The other brother, Clarence, got involved in inter-racial work—not exactly a popular occupation in those days. If you remember, tension between blacks and whites was very high. People were staging sit-ins and marched down city streets. Police used dogs and fire hoses to disperse the protesters. Eventually Clarence's work got him into trouble and he turned to his brother for legal help. And, Robert wouldn't help him. What shocked Clarence most of all was that both of them had committed their lives to Christ together. After confronting Robert about why

he wouldn't help him, Robert defended himself saying, “Clarence, I do follow Jesus, but only up to a point. I follow him up to the cross, but not on the cross. I'm not getting myself crucified”. Clarence looked at his brother and said, “Robert, you're not a follower of Jesus. You're only an admirer of his”. We can all relate to Robert's feelings, can't we? After all, there are times in our lives when our commitment to Christ is tested to the breaking point too. Some hardship or tragedy hits us and we are tempted not to pick up our cross and follow Jesus. For example:

It's hard for an elderly person to pick up their cross and follow Jesus after they have just been forcefully put into a nursing home.

It's hard for a wife and mother of 4 children to pick up her cross and follow Jesus after hearing her husband tell her that he's leaving her for a younger woman—a woman who really understands him and makes him feel young again.

All of us, at one time or another or in one way or another have had to bear our crosses. Why do some of us come out on the other end of our trials more miserable than before and some of us come out more Christ-like—more beautiful? To me, the answer has to do with how we see Jesus. Are we followers of Him or only admirers?

If we are only admirers, we'll become bitter and hopeless people when things don't go our way. St. Teresa of Avila had a great quote for these types of people. “Lord, spare me from sour-faced saints”. Now, if, on the other hand, we are true followers of Jesus, we will realize that all of our trials and tribulations, no matter how awful they may be, can and will bring us closer to God, if we'll only put away our self-centeredness. If we do this, i.e. realize that, as one door closes, another one will open, we'll gain a deeper appreciation of our authentic needs and wants and put away all of our useless and transitory desires.

In my own life experiences, the door that usually opens for me is the one that will bring me closer to Christ. And, in the big picture, that's really the only one that counts. Remember that people learn about God, not because they figure out the Trinity or what the Vatican is doing or because they can read the New Testament in the original Greek. No, people learn about God from Godlike people—people who pick up their crosses every day and do their best to follow Jesus. All of us can be God to someone—someone who will remember what God is like because they remember what we are like—that we are followers of Jesus—not admirers.

Rev. Fr. Joe Benitez